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## The Sequence awC in Classical Armenian

The sequence awC (later  $\bar{o}C$  [Adjarian 1971. 595]) in Classical Armenian is derived from numerous phonetic sequences. Meillet (1936) makes various comments, but does not survey the whole of the constellation; in places his suggestions have been replaced by later solutions that are more appropriate. Godel (1975. 88) treats the matter of original awC, adding some comments not in Meillet. However, his additions are neither thorough nor do they inspire complete confidence. Even Adjarian's survey (1971. 513) does not encompass the full panoply and is further marred by the use of some apparently rickety etymologies. Since Adjarian's etymological works (1926–) were probably the basis of much of Djahukian's study (1968. 162–163, 237), Djahukian also fails to appeal to a conservative interest, and the matter is left unclear.

The sequence awC appears to derive from at least six different sources. This plethora alone contributes to our limited understanding of the phonetic shifts involved. And though the quite similar sequence of ayC is equally diverse in its origins, the predecessors of Arm. ayC somehow seem clear. The reasons why Arm. ayC is relatively transparent while the origins of awC are vague depend greatly on the type of material involved. First of all, the original forms that resulted in Arm. ayC appear to pass logically to Arm. ayC; secondly, there is a good abundance of incidences of these shifts; and thirdly the etymologies involved are all rather clear. This is not the case for the development of awC; not only are some of the shifts often without strong parallel, they also are few in number. And, of the inventory which constitutes the data base, not all the etymologies are easily apparent. It is small wonder that confusion remains.

This paper will survey the instances of awC in Armenian which are inherited from Indo-European sources, and pay attention to the existence of the curious alternations of awC ( $\bar{o}C$ ) with aC and uC as well, phonetic shifts that seem anomalous.

I. The most straightforward producer of Arm. aw is the Indo-European sequence \*au; it is a shift that is exactly paralleled by IE \*ai which gives Armenian ay (ayc 'goat', Gk.  $ai\gamma$ -, IE  $*ai\acute{g}$ -). The instances are as follows:

- 1. Arm. jawnem 'to present, dedicate, offer', Skt. hávate, Av. zavaiti 'invoke', OCS zovo 'call', Gk. κανχάομαι 'to speak loud, boast'; Lith. žαυνέti 'conjure'. Chantraine (1970) instead takes Gk. κανχάομαι with Arm. xawsim 'speak' which is, I believe, incorrect. Mayrhofer (SEW) takes Skt. hávate with Gaulish gatu-ater '(Druid) invoker' and Goth. guþ 'god'. The whole etymological spectrum is in places unclear, but the traditional relationship of Arm. jawnem with IE \*áhaw- seems appropriate.
- 2. Arm. awčan 'assistance', Lat. auxilium 'aid', Goth. aukan 'to increase', Gk.  $\dot{a}\dot{\epsilon}\xi\omega$  'id'; IE \*aug-.
- 3. Arm. awt 'a place for spending the night', allied with Arm. aganim (<\*aw-anim) 'to spend the night', Gk.  $\tilde{a}\varepsilon\sigma a \ r'\nu \pi a$  'spent the night', Skt.  $v\dot{a}sati$  'stay', IE  $*Aw-l/es/l^{-1}$ ).
- 4. Arm. awd 'shoe' (zawd 'band', zawdem 'to tie', yawd 'joint, link', yawdem 'to tie, join'), Lith. áusti, áudžiu 'to weave'. There are varying opinions about the precise Indo-European root, but a root of \*au-dh- appears reasonable; further configurations with IE \*wedh- and \*webh- are possible but not to the point.
- 5. Arm. awjik 'collar', Gk. αὐχήν 'neck', IE \*auġh-. Other etymological decisions have been reached, and the Aeolic form ἀμφήν (Theocratus 30.28) has suggested an original \*angwh-. Chantraine (1968), probably correctly, suggests that Aeolic ἀμφήν represents contamination from ἀμφί 'around' and that the sometimes cited form αὄφην is doubtful. Mayrhofer (SEW), accepting the form ἀμφήν as uncontaminated, allies it with Skt. aṁhú- 'narrow'. But even were ἀμφήν a non-deviant form, it would not dispell the realities of Gk. αὐχήν which Arm. awjik' so closely conforms to.
- II. The second source of Arm. awC is from an earlier \*aPC where \*P can equal any labial, including m. This development of \*aPC > Arm. awC is paralleled by shifts of \*aTC to Arm. ayC as in Arm. ayrem 'to burn', IE \*atr- (Av.  $\bar{a}tar$ -, NPer.  $\bar{a}\partial ar$ ). The same shift is also observable in Iranian loan words where the Armenian continu-

<sup>1)</sup> With an extension in -l-, Gk.  $a\delta\lambda\eta$  'dwelling',  $a\delta\lambda\iota\varsigma$  'a place for spending the night', Toch. A olar, B aulāre 'companion, friend'. The original suffix in \*-t- (> Arm. t') is elsewhere unknown with the root \*Aw-, but is certainly possible, being found with other roots: gzat 'fleece' (gzem 'to card'), Arm. arcat 'silver', Gk.  $\tilde{a}\varrho\gamma\nu\varrho\varsigma\varsigma$  'id', Arm. erkat 'rion'.

- ant of Av.  $\bar{a}$ /rinām 'praise' is realized as Arm.  $awrhnum^2$ ) 'bless'; similarly Per. ta/t 'heat', Arm. tawt 'id'. Examples of the passage of \*aPC > Arm. awC are as follows:
- 1. Arm. nawt 'fasting, hunger', Gk. νήφω (Doric νάφω) 'to drink no wine, be on the wagon', IE \*nābh-t-; further Greek compounds are abundant: νήπτης 'sober', νηπτικός 'id', etc.
- 2. Arm. tawn 'feast, festival', Gk.  $\delta \acute{a}\pi\tau \omega$  'to devour (of a wild beast)', Lat. daps '(sacrificial) feast', Gk.  $\delta a\pi \acute{a}v\eta$  'an expenditure', IE \*dap-n-.
- 3. Arm. awn(-) 'possession', as frequently in awn-a- $t\bar{e}r$  'proprietor', Skt. apna- 'possession', IE \*apn-. Though this etymology is phonetically clear, it is unusual since the very existence of Arm. awn(-) is somewhat questionable. Adjarian (1926–) was the first to propose the word's existence, positing its presence in two early texts where its status seems to have been doubted by earlier editors. Its existence in later texts was also doubted. However, should Adjarian's hypothesis be acceptable (and it is accepted by Solta 1960. 133–134), then this would be another clear example of the shift of pre-Armenian \*aPC to Arm.  $awC^3$ ).
- 4. Arm. awr 'day' (GDL awur), Gk.  $\tilde{\eta}\mu a\varrho$  (gen.  $\tilde{\eta}\mu a\tau o\varsigma$ ), Doric  $\tilde{d}\mu a\varrho$ . The Greek shows the standard heteroclitic pattern \*am-r/nt-; the Armenian genitive awur derives its -u- from the normal Armenian heteroclitic pattern which shows r in the nominative, u in the oblique cases (< \*- $\tilde{o}r$  [Benveniste 1962. 14], or \*-ur- [Godel 1975. 95. 82]) and commonly, though not consistently, an n in the plural. There seems to be little doubt that Arm. awr truly reflects the same proto-form as the Greek since an Armenian secondary pattern also conforms to the Greek usage. Note Cypriot

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>) A recent discussion of this verb, from the Iranian point of view, can be found in Szemerényi 1970, and repeated in the *Abaev Festschrift* (Szemerényi 1977: 237–240).

<sup>3)</sup> Because of the difficulty of getting one's hands on the various texts, I have been able to confirm the postulated existence of Arm. awn(-) in only two instances. The first instance is in John Chrysostom's Commentary on the Pauline Epistles (Yovhannu Oskeberani Meknut'iwn t'ttoc'n Pōlosi [in: Matenagrut'iwnk' naxeanc', Venice 1862], p. 284). Here the editor, incorrectly it appears, amends the manuscript's ōnoy teark' to bnaw teark', citing in a footnote "Yōrinakin greal ēr ōnoy". In the History of the Armenians by Agathangelos (Patmut'iwn hayoc', Tbilisi 1909) an earlier (y)awnoy(n) tērn has been 'corrected' to aygwoy tērn.

a-ma-ti-a-ma-ti which closely conforms to the Armenian pattern awr awur 'id' (Dressler 1969. 19-22). The shift of \*amr- to Arm. awr is paralleled by Arm. ayr 'man', Gk.  $\dot{a}v\dot{\eta}\varrho$ . Meillet (1936. 154) does not treat this noun as an aPC sequence but rather sees it as the type \*aPu (< \*aP $\delta$ ), a pattern which will be discussed next.

III. The movement of the sequence \*VCu, or perhaps \* $VC\bar{o}$ , to Arm. awC is seen in two words. This phonetic shift is partially paralleled by pre-Armenian \* $aRi^4$ ) which passes to Armenian ayR, the best example of which is Arm. ayl 'but, other', Gk.  $a\lambda\lambda a/(a\lambda\lambda a)c_s$  'id', Lat. alius, IE \*ali-. The epenthesis of w is much more pervasive, occurring in environments of vowels other than a, and after consonants other than R. There are two examples, and no contradictory evidence that cannot be accounted for.

1. Arm. artawsr 'tear', OHG trahan, IE \*draku-5); Gk. δάκρν, Goth. tagr, Lat. lacrima, IE \*dakru-. A problem is presented in the plural where we have artasuk', not \*artawsuk'. This alternation of -aw-/-ø- with -a-/-u- has a parallel in the proper names Aršawir and Aršaruni (< \*aršawruni < \*aršawir-uni), a loan from Iranian, Av. aršan- 'man' (Adjarian 1942. 296–297, Hübschmann 1898. 27). Outside of accent, which can play no role b), the single distinctive factor seems to be the addition of -u- to the stem. However, the coincidental pattern of -aw-/-ø-//-a-/-u- exhibited in these two roots may be illusory since the following example would seem to be contradictory.

<sup>4)</sup> This shift, as Godel once pointed out (1970. 143), appears only in the environment of a: elsewhere after a liquid it seems to produce a j; note anurj 'dream', Gk. ὅνειρος 'id'. Later (1975. 87) Godel extended the environments for y epenthesis, suggesting that Arm. mēj 'middle', IE \*medhyo-, and iž 'snake' (< \*ēž), IE \*eghi- were thus affected, as well as t'oyl in t'oyl tam 'give away, permit'; t'olum 'let'; and šol, n-šoyl 'ray of light'. The latter choices are less appealing, but certainly possible. Another etymology (Adjarian 1926, seconded by Solta 1960. 355) would show a passage of aTi to ay: nay 'humid', Lat. nato 'swim'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>) A voiceless consonant disappears before \*r and \*l: Arm. li 'full', IE \*plē-; Arm. erec' 'elder, priest', IE \*preisku (cf. Lat. priscus); Arm. erek' 'three', IE \*treyes; Arm. lu 'heard, fame', IE \*klu-.

<sup>6)</sup> Feydit (1976. 366. 42) suggests that the alternation of artawsr/artasuk was based on accent: "on le (u) trouve au singulier devant la syllabe atone -s°r, mais il tombe devant la syllable tonique -suk (cf. usumn/usmunk)". Thus artaŵsr/artàsúk; which is contradicted by aršawir.

2. Arm. mawruk 'beard (plural only)', Skt. śmáśru- (< \*smáśru- by assimilation), Alb. mjekërr, Lith. smakras, OIr. smech, Hitt. zamanqur. IE \*smekru-: Lithuanian and Armenian point to \*smokru-. The coexistence in one stem of both -aw- and -u- contradicts the importance of the pattern shown in the two words discussed above. It would be expected that this noun would follow the paradigm of r/u/n (barjr, -ju, -junk', -janc' [Godel 1975. 32-33]). In this not uncommon paradigm the r of the nominative disappears elsewhere, being replaced by u; in the plural there is frequently an additional n. But the paradigm of mawruk is essentially incomplete; in addition to the nominative plural, only the accusative plural mawrus and GDL plural mawruac' are known. The paradigm, if complete, should have essentially followed the pattern of barjr, a paradigm that is also paralleled by Arm. asr 'fleece', gen. asu gen. pl. asroc' (or asruoc', by secondary process), Godel 1975. 95. We would thus expect, if the Armenian paradigm for 'beard' were complete:

nom. sng. \*mawr (< \*mawrr?) nom. pl. (\*) $maru(n)k^c$  gen. sng. \*maru gen. pl. \* $mawra(n)c^c$ 

The extant genitive mawruac, with a superfluous -u-, corresponds to the secondary genitive plural of asr: asruoc, in place of asroc. The form we have, mawruk, appears to be a conflation of others, and seems to reflect some analogical remodeling within the paradigm.

For these three stems, awrtasr, Aršawir and mawruk, no entirely clear picture can be drawn. However, mawruk neither proves nor disproves the importance of the secondary -u- found in artasuk and Aršaruni; it does, however, leave the situation far from clear.

IV. Closely allied to this type of w epenthesis is that which is found in certain roots in \*- $nK^{w}$ -, where \* $K^{w}$  can be any labiovelar. Meillet's assumption (1936. 37, 44), that the w epenthesis was governed by the n is not wholly convincing?). A later interpretation by Bonfante<sup>8</sup>) (1937. 25) which was seconded with further refinements by Pisani (1950. 188–192) stated that the epenthesis was instead related to the labial element in the labio-velar. It would appear that both are partly right since we must acknowledge that,

<sup>7)</sup> Godel (1975. 88) calls it a "dubitative suggestion".

<sup>8)</sup> Though obvious temporal constrictions precluded Bonfante (1937) from seeing Meillet (1936), Bonfante would have been able to consult Meillet's first edition (1903, 17) which somehow he does not refer to.

for this shift to take place, it is necessary to have both a nasal and a labio-velar. If the labio-velar alone was important, we would expect \*awkn 'eye' instead of akn (< IE \* $ok^w$ -). And, if only the n were of interest, then ankiwn 'angle' should have become \*awkiwn (IE \*ang-). Noting the two examples below, it seems clear that the shift is dependent on both elements of the sequence \* $-nK^w$ - rather than just a part of it.

- 1. Arm. awj 'snake', Lat. anguis, Lith. angis, Lett.  $u\hat{o}dze$ , OCS  $q\tilde{z}i$ , IE \* $ang^wh^{-9}$ ).
- 2. Arm. awcanem 'anoint', Lat. unguo, Skt. anákti, áñja-, Prus. anctan 'butter', IE  $*ong^w$ -.

It is necessary to note that here the sequence  $*VnK^{w}$ - in  $*ong^{w}$ -has passed to Arm. awC when the original vowel was not \*a, but rather \*o. A similar development was noted in  $mawruk^{c}$  (<\*smokru-) where the original vowel was \*o. Recalling that loan words from Iranian (Av.  $\bar{a}frin\bar{a}m$ , Arm. awrhnum; Per. taft, Arm.  $tawt^{c}$ ) also show indications of w epenthesis, we can suppose that this phonetic shift was relatively late. It appears that all instances, no matter what the original vowel, appear as aw, and we may make further assumptions: the \*ow that at first resulted from the w epenthesis was different from the regular sequence written ow (and which was monophthongized as u). Thus awcanem (<\*ow-) represents a standard shift in late pre-literate Armenian, and for which there appears to be no contrary examples. Additional examples of this shift, which will include \*ew > aw, will be noted further on \*owtheating 10.

3. Arm. ankanim 'fall' (the oft referred to spelling anganim is a medieval development and is not pertinent) must also be included in this discussion since it shows the sequence \*- $ng^w$ - without the expected w epenthesis. However, its lack of w epenthesis is probably due to its original form in zero grade (\* $sng^w$ -), a pattern that is also found also in Gk.  $\dot{\epsilon} \dot{\alpha} \varphi \partial \eta^{11}$ ) 'was fastened upon, clung to'. This

<sup>9)</sup> The tantalizing relationship of Arm. iż, Gk. ἔχις 'snake' with this group has been noted before; for references, see Fraenkel LEW 15. Neither Frisk nor Mayrhofer were lured into this probable dead end. Finally, van Windekens calls our attention to Toch. B auk 'dragon' (1976B. 153).

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$ ) Not a part of the sequence awC, but still significant since it follows the same vocalic laws, is Arm. awel 'broom', Gk. οφελλω 'to sweep', IE \*obhel-.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>) Gk.  $\dot{\epsilon}\dot{\alpha}\varphi\partial\eta$ , a third singular agrist passive, is found only twice, but both times in the same formula, in *Iliad* 13.543 and 14.419. Its meaning is only a conjuncture, and though most handbooks compare it with Arm.

implies that an original sonant \*n remained unchanged for a long time, and developed separate vowel an only after the first intrusion of the Iranian substratum.

V. There are a number of instances where the sequence \*-VtRo-passed to Arm. awR. In all instances the etymologies are sound. The shift of \*-VtRo- to awR is entirely paralleled by the shift of \*-VtRe- to ayr, a phenomenon found in hayr 'father', IE \*pAter; mayr, IE \* $m\bar{a}ter$ . Examples are:

- 1. Arm. hawr 'of the father', genitive of hayr, IE \*pAtros.
- 2. Arm. mawr 'of the mother', genitive of mayr, IE \*mātros.
- 3. Arm. arawr 'plow', Gk. ἄροτρον, Lat. arātrum 12), IE \*A(e)rO-tro-.
- Arm. cnawl 'parents', Gk. γενήτως, Lat. genitor, Skt. janitár,
  IE \*ģenE-tor/l-. Again, this is an example of the late shift of \*ew to aw.
- 5. Arm. alawri 'mill', Gk. ἀλετρεύω 'to grind', ἀλετρίς 'female slave who grinds grain', IE \*al(e)E-tro-13). Again, the suspected -ew-resulting from the epenthesis has changed to -aw-.
- 6. Arm. ayr 'cave' should be mentioned since it might show contrary evidence. Pisani (1944. 161–162; 1951. 70) posits a relationship to Gk. ἄντρον. However, he does not explain how a proto-form of antro- could have y epenthesis; for this a predecessor in the shape of \*antre- would be necessary. This we do not have, and we cannot explain why the form is not \*awr 'cave', which it is not. Čop (1956. 135–138) has another suggestion which competes successfully, proposing a rapport with Hitt. hariya- 'valley', a form that could easily be reflected in Armenian as ayr. It is likely that Gk. ἄντρον has little relevance, and that a relationship with Hitt. hariya- is more appropriate.

ankanim and Goth. sigqan 'sink', a grievous problem remains. It was hoped that Erbse's new edition of the scholiastic material on the Iliad (1969) might give more data than found in Dindorf (1875) but this did not become the case, and there appears to be no way we can make advances on Gk.  $\dot{\epsilon}\dot{\alpha}\rho\theta\eta$ . We remain only with Meister's suggestion (1921. 110. 2) of contamination from  $\dot{\epsilon}\dot{\alpha}\pi\tau\omega$  'send forth, attack'.

 $<sup>^{12}</sup>$ ) Frisk (GEW I. 141) suggests reasonably that the long  $-\bar{a}$ - of Lat. arātrum is from contamination with arāre.

<sup>13)</sup> The form ἀλέτριος, cited by Meillet (1936. 142) without gloss is apparently a ghost word, and cannot be found in literature.

- VI. Two nouns of Indo-European origin remain which have the sequence *awC*. However, it appears likely that in both instances we are not dealing with continuations of earlier phonetic requences, but rather with suffixes which were added later.
- 1. Arm. canawt 'knowing', Gk. γιγνώσπω, Skt. jñā-, etc. Though Frisk (GEW 2. 319) suggests that this word was created on a parallel with Arm. nawt 'i 'fasting' (above), it would seem unlikely since there is no sure way, in the present instance, to derive the final -awt. A suffixal element rather than an Indo-European continuum seems most likely. Arm. -awt can elsewhere be seem productively in Arm. al-awt 'prayer' (alačem 'to pray'); in c'ayg-awt (arnem) '(to leave out) at night (c'ayg 'night); and in amawt 'shame' (amačem 'be ashamed') 14).
- 2. Arm. cnawt 'beard', Gk. γένυς 'jaw', Lat. gena, Goth. kinnus 'cheek', OIr. gin, Skt. hánu- 'jaw', IE \*ģenu-. There is no evidence for a stemfinal \*-aud or \*-adō¹⁵) which would provide us with the necessary -awt, and a turn to the suffixes seems appropriate. Arm. -awt also appears with clawt 'stalk' (cil 'id'). An adjective can be added: karčarawt 'brief' (karč 'id'); various temporal adverbs: arawawt '11th hour of the day' (arawur 'daily'), kamawawt '5th hour of the night', šalawawt '4th hour of the night'.

The inevitable problems remain. I will deal briefly with two of them, and more quickly dismiss six more since there is very little that can be said. The term ewt'n is not a precise part of the sequence aw, but its existence (from IE \*septm) refutes the rule that \*ew and \*ow, derived by epenthesis, must result in aw (arawr, mawruk', cnawl, alawri). However, the alternate form eawt'n (eōt'n) which has been continued into all modern Armenian dialects as, approximately [yōt'o] at the expense of ewt'n, would seem to be a composite of ewt'n and \*awt'n, the latter being the form that the rules would require from an earlier IE \*septm¹6). Secondly, giwt 'invention, finding' is joined with gtanem 'to find', gitak 'knowing', and gēt

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>) For further discussion of this suffix, see Frish 1936. 35, and Greppin 1975 B. 65—66.

<sup>15)</sup> Modern Greek material is not always easy to evaluate, but it does contain an apparent continuant in -d: γενειάδα 'beard'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>) There is good reason to suspect that Arm. ewt'n is secondary since, following the rules for aspiration resulting from initial pre-vocalic \*s-, one would expect, at best, an aspirated form \*hewt'n, which appears nowhere (cf. Greppin 1975).

<sup>19</sup> Zeitschrift für vgl. Sprachf., Bd. 92, Heft 1/2

'learned person'. The root is clearly IE \*wid-, and all forms except giwt conform to the expected patterns; there is even an extension giwtakan 'inventive'. Pisani (1950. 191) calls attention to the nasal. infix in Skt. vindáti and seems to be summoning up Meillet's interest in the replacement of a nasal by w. At any rate, it is impossible to consider using a verb stem for the root of this noun; it is possible that an analogical process is intruding. The term diwt'akan 'magical, enchanted' was frequently substituted for giwtakan, and giwt may be back formation from that source, reinforced by diwt' 'enchanter, sorcerer'.

Six additional terms, some mentioned by others as showing w epenthesis, are impervious to solution. The proper name Awrslanian/-Arslanian is of clear Turkish origin (Turk. a[r]slan 'lion, brave man'  $^{17}$ )). The spelling without w, Arslanian, is considerably more common, and is the original form from which Awrslanian was derived. Armenian yawtem/yatanem (< \*y-hatanem, Hitt. hattāi-18))again is possibly not Indo-European. Arm. gawti 'belt' probably has no relationship with z-gacim 'to clothe' (in spite of Djahukian 1968. 303) since the basic meaning of gawt- seems to be 'twist' rather than 'clothing'. Arm. giwl (< gewl) and its alternate form gel 'village' cannot be Indo-European 19). Both gel and giwl generate the same number of derivatives (5), but the extended base geljforms eight more 20), and get is probably original. This word, taken with yawtem, gawt and Awrslanian, imply that the apparent w is secondary and derived. Other phantoms remain: mawt 'near', maticim 'to gain access', mut 'entrance', mtanem (< \*mutanem) 'to enter'. Though the various roots in -aw-, -a-, -u-, -ø- are of close semantic value, there is no etymology that ties each together as a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>) The alternate form, Turk. aslan, appears to be a later form, and a southern Turkish rendering at that. The lose of medial -r- is sporadic, and can be noted elsewhere (Modern Uighur apa = Turk. arpa, etc.). For a greater review of arslan, cf. Radloff 1893. 1.a. 327 and Sevortjan 1974. 177. Edmond Schütz informs me that an Old Turkish loan word for 'lion' appears in Hungarian as oroslan (from 6th-9th century).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>) It is difficult to say whether Arm. hatanem is genetically related to Hitt. hattāi-, or derived thence by loan. Usually a loaned Hitt. h is reflected as x in Armenian:  $i\check{s}xan/i\check{s}has$  'prince, lord'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>) In spite of Adjarian's suggestion (1926) that it is related to IE \*woik'-(after the fashion of Lat. villa < \*vicla < \*vicula), there appears to be no way to get the phonetic situation properly aligned.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>) A suggestion, that the phoneme -(n)j- in medial position in compounds might be the result of Anatolian intrusion can be found in Greppin 1980.

unit. I know of no helpful comment that can be addressed to their enigmatic presence.

To conclude: Arm. awC is derived consistently from an IE \*au, aPC,  $a|oCu|\bar{o}$ ,  $a|onK^{w\,21}$ ). The sequence \*a|e|oVtRo might well be the same as the sequence  $a|oCu|\bar{o}$ , and the result is the same except for the added resonant. Further, the production of awC very closely parallels the production of ayC, a point that lends support to the etymologies involved. Expected sequences of \*ew and \*ow resulting from w epenthesis consistently appear as aw with the exception of  $ewt^e n|eawt^e n$  which is problematic for reasons other than the vowel color.

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